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In connection with the above-entitled matter, Applicant hereby proffers U.S. Patent Office Form PTO-1449, including copies of the references listed therein, some of which are discussed in the specification. Some of these references were cited in the International Search Report dated May 31, 2005 of the corresponding PCT patent application. Enclosed also is a copy of the International Search Report. The claims in the present application are believed to be patentably distinguished over this reference.

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